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SUBJECT: TTBT-PNE NEGOTIATIONS--HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS,
FEBRUARY 14. TTBT/PNE MESSAGE NUMBER TEN.

1. FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 14 MEETINGS, SAFRONOV ASKED HECKROTTE AND FRYKLUND WHETHER, IF OBSERVERS WERE GIVEN ROCK SAMPLES, WOULD THEY WANT TO REPEAT ALL TESTS, RESULTS OF WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM. HECKROTTE AND FRYKLUND SAID THAT THIS PERHAPS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY BUT WOULD DEPEND ON SITUATION. SAFRONOV ASKED WHY ANY INFORMATION SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SHOTS OF 5-10 KT. HE ALSO ASKED WHAT WOULD BE MOTIVATION FOR CARRYING OUT MILITARY TESTS OUTSIDE OF TEST SITES IF YIELD WERE LESS THAN THRESEHOLD. HECKROTTE AND FRYKLUND AVOIDED RESPONSE.

2. IFFT TOLD TIMERBAEV HE WANTED TO CLEAR UP APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDIN REGARDING MOROKHOV'S FEBRUARY 10 REFERENCE TO DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA OF US-THAI KRA CANAL PROJECT. IFFT SAID NO US PAPER WAS PRESENTED ON SUCH A PROJECT IN RECENT VIENNA MEETINGS. THERE WAS REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE KRA CANAL IN US PAPER, BUT ONLY AS HYPOTHE-TICAL EXAMPLE OF APPLICATION OF METHODOLOGY OF RADIOACTIVITY TRANSPORT CALCULATIONS. USDEL IN VIENNA MADE CLEAR PAPER DID NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT VIEWS OF USG. TIMERBAEV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT KRA CANAL WAS SIMPLY AN IDEA OR HYPOTEHTEICAL POSSIBILITY BUT NOTED MYASNIKOV HAD MENTIONED TO HIM US FIGURES DEALING WITH ECONOMIC SAVINGS WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM KRA CANAL. IFFT SAID THESE CAME

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FROM EARLIER ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REITERATED HIS

EARLIER STATEMENT.

3. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVDEL WAS WAITING FOR US TO FINISH PRESENTING ITS POSITION. IFFT SAID USDEL WANTED TO HEAR SOVIET VIEWS, BUT IF SOVDEL IS ONLY ABLE TO REPEAT ITS POSITIONS OF OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, THIS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL. TIMERBAEV SAID THIS IS EXACTLY THE CASE AND THAT IS WHY HE IS RESTRAINING SOVDEL FROM MAKING FORMAL STATEMENTS. HE REPEATED EARLIER REMARK TO EFFECT THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD WORK HARDER. HE URGED THAT TALKS MOVE IN STEP WITH SALT WITH BOTH AGREEMENTS READY FOR SIGNATURE AT SUMMIT.

4. IFFT NOTED IMPORTANCE OF EARLY EVIDENCE OF MOVEMENT IN SOVIET POSITION AND ENQUIRED WHETHER LONG DELAY WOULD OCCUR BEFORE SOVIETS COULD RESPOND TO US PROPOSALS. TIMERBAEV REPLIED THAT, SINCE TALKS ARE IN MOSCOW, TIME REQUIRED TO RESPOND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE LONG.

5. TIMERBAEV SAID IT IS UNREASONBLE TO ASK FOR OBSERVERS FOR VERY LOW YIELDS AND SAID GENERAL QUESTION OF OBSERVERS IS CLOSELY RELATED TO CONCEPT OF COOPERATION. IFFT SAID SOVIET SIDE SEEMED TO BE PUTTING FORM BEFORE SUBSTANCE. SIDES SHOULD WORK OUT ADEQUATE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FIRST AND THEN DECIDE HOW TO PACKAGE THE PRODUCT. TIMERBAEV SAID HE THOUGH SIDES WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS THE TWO IN PARALLEL.
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